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NJN to Air 'Turning the Tide' Documentary Oct. 25

Film focuses on Hackensack Meadowlands and Hamilton-Trenton marshes

LYNDHURST, N.J. – New Jersey Network Public Television and Radio (NJN) will broadcast "Turning the Tide," a half-hour documentary showcasing the hidden beauty of tidal areas in and around the Hackensack Meadowlands and Hamilton-Trenton Marsh, on Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The documentary, shot in High Definition video, offers breathtaking looks at the Meadowlands wetlands and wildlife, as well as valuable lessons on environmental recovery. Once viewed as land that was too soggy to build on or a breeding ground for mosquitoes, wetlands were filled in and destroyed for years. This documentary chronicles the change in attitude and policy that has helped the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission preserve 8,400 acres of wetlands and open space, as well as the recovery efforts that are just beginning at the Hamilton-Trenton Marsh.

Narrated by Avery Brooks ("Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's" Captain Benjamin Sisko), "Turning the Tide" features interviews with current and retired NJMC staff and naturalists, members of Hackensack Riverkeeper, and Charles Leck and Mary Allessio Leck, retired professors who are heading the recovery efforts in Trenton. This documentary was first broadcast on NJN in May 2006.

NJN broadcasts to all 14 Meadowlands municipalities on the following stations: Channel 8 in Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Kearny, Lyndhurst, North Arlington and North Bergen; Channel 21 in Little Ferry, Moonachie, Ridgefield, South Hackensack, and Teterboro; Channel 23 in Secaucus; and Channel 50 in Jersey City.

For more information, previews or to purchase the documentary on DVD, visit the Web site http://www.njn.net/community/specialinterest/turningthetide/.

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